

COAST GUARD ADMINISTRATION LAW SYSTEMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing to review the Coast Guard Administration Law System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Director, Inspection and Compliance; and CAPT Thomas Sparks, USCG, Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Unit; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 674, To amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009; H.R. 1273, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to restore plot allowance eligibility for veterans of any war and to restore the headstone or marker allowance for eligible persons; H.R. 1900, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for pension benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans who receive an expeditionary medal during a period of military service other than a period of war; H.R. 1901, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for pension benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans who served during certain periods of time in specified locations; H.R. 2346, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a process for determining whether a geographic area is sufficiently served by the national cemeteries located in that geographic area; H.R. 2696, Veterans' Dignified Burial Assistance Act of 2007; and H.R. 2697, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for veterans' mortgage life insurance to include members of the Armed Forces receiving specially adapted housing assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rahall and Fossella; Bradley H.G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

DNI 100 DAY PLAN

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a hearing on DNI 100 Day Plan. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rahall, Gutierrez, and Fossella; Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representative of veterans organizations.

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Joint Meetings**21ST CENTURY COMPETITIVENESS ACT**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2272, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1088)

S. 966, to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel. Signed on July 30, 2007. (Public Law 110-50)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1677, to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Coordination Act of 1988, and original bills entitled, "Housing Assistance Authorization Act", "Private Student Loan Transparency and Improvement Act", and "Commission on Natural Catastrophe Risk Management and Insurance Act", 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine recent advances in clean coal technology, focusing on the prospects for deploying these technologies at a commercial scale in the near future, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1054 and H.R. 122, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project, S. 1472, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration, S. 1475 and H.R. 1526, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, H.R. 30, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater

and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project, H.R. 609, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and H.R. 1175, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States Africa Command, focusing on a new strategic relationship with Africa, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, and S. 1858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, H.R. 1254, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, an original bill to provide for the flexibility of certain disaster relief funds, and for improved evacuation and sheltering during disasters and catastrophes, S. 1000, to enhance the Federal Telework Program, S. 1446, to amend the National Capital Transportation Act of 1969 to authorize additional Federal contributions for maintaining and improving the transit system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, S. 547, to establish a Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, S. 1245, to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capitol Region, S. 597, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years, H.R. 2570 and S. 1732, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building", S. 1772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the "Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office", S. 1781, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Avenue in Bakersfield, California, as the "Buck Owens Post Office", H.R. 2127, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the "Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office

Building", H.R. 2563 and S. 1539, bills to designate the post office located at 309 East Linn Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office", S. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building", H.R. 1722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office", H.R. 1425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Staff Sergeant Marvin "Rex" Young Post Office Building", H.R. 2078, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the "Staff Sergeant Omer T. 'O.T.' Hawkins Post Office", H.R. 2077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the "George B. Lewis Post Office Building", H.R. 1617, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building", H.R. 2025, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Willye B. White Post Office Building", and H.R. 1335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the "S Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building", and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the under-representation of Americans at the United Nations and its organizations; focusing on ways to build a stronger American diplomatic presence, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Donald M. Kerr, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Power Plant Utility Tunnels, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on active Army, Army Guard and Army Reserve recruiting and retention, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on Post-Katrina Health Care in the New Orleans Region: Progress and Continuing Concerns—Part II, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider H.R. 2761, Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007, 12 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on the Impact of Coup-Related Sanctions on Thailand and Fiji:

Helpful or Harmful to U.S. Relations? 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Political Crises in South Asia: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1413, To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports; H.R. 1717, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a National Bio and Agro-defense Facility; and H.R. 1955, Homegrown Terrorism, Prevention Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Playing by Its Own Rules: TSA's Exemption from the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and How it Impacts Partnerships with the Private Sector," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, oversight hearing on The Smithsonian in Transition, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 400, War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 2102, Free Flow of Information Act; H.R. 3013, Attorney-Client Privilege Protection Act of 2007; H.R. 2740, MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007; H.R. 1119, Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007; and H.R. 1071, September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on the Tillman Fratricide: What the Leadership of the Defense Department Knew, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue joint hearings on the Department of Energy's Support for the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL), Part II, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulation, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled "Ensuring Prompt Payment for Small Health Care Providers," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, to consider the following measures: the Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007; the Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007; To improve the provision of disaster assistance for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; H.R. 3068, Federal Protective Service Guard Contracting Reform Act of 2007; H.R. 2671, To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse"; H.R. 2728, To designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station", 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Measuring Poverty in America, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Aviation Taxes, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence Analysis and Counterintelligence and the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, joint briefing on SIGINT, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.